Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The work has not been provided for in the budget for 1104.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want to know whether it has been car-marked for the year 1105 at least.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is too early to say that.

Moolathura system.

65. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when water is usually diverted along the Moolathura system after silt clearance;

(2) when was the silt clearance complete;

(3) who check-measured it;

(4) now that the monsoon has not burst out why was not water diverted till now (5th Mithunam 1103) that the *Podivitha* lands may be cultivated;

(5) whether it is a fact that the Government intend to keep all the spouts under the system as far as the *Eri* under lock and key;

(6) under ordinary circumstances what the period of time is between one supply of water and another for lands under the system?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) The Member is referred to the copy of the rules relating to the system, placed on the Council Table.

(2) 15th Mithunam 1103.

(3) The Assistant Engineer.

(4) Water is not generally necessary at this stage for *Podivitha* lands.

(5) The question is not intelligible.

(6) Please vide copy of the rules placed on the Council Table.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—According to the rules, the system ought to have been ready from first of May for the distribution of water. Here this was commenced only on the 15th of Mithunam. Why was this inordinate delay?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—There is a date for closure also. We were not able to close early, and because there was water there, we had to send water to fall into the *Eries* (ഏരി).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—We used to get water before also.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—This year, according to the seasons, the closure date was late and the opening date was also late. That is why the date varies.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Water is not generally necessary if the monsoons had burst at proper time. I say in this year it was very necessary.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—After *Podivita* (പൊടിവിത), water is not necessary for 30 or 40 days.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—This year there was no monsoon and no rain.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—There were some sowings.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—And we lost all that. I do not know whether in these *Podivita* lands wet cultivation can be carried on.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—I saw the damage.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—You could have wet cultivation in *Podivita* lands if water is given.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Perhaps.

Thembaramadakku system

66, **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when was the contract for silt clearance in the Thembaramadakku irrigation system in Chittur Taluk given;

(2) when was the silt clearance to be completed;

(3) when was it completed;

(4) why was the delay, if any, in completion;

(5) when did the monsoon burst in the villages under the system;

(6) who check-measured the silt clearance;

(7) when was water diverted along the system;

(8) what were the readings at the anicut since the due date on which water should be diverted along the sytsem;

(9) were there freshes in the river after the due date of diversion of water along the system;

(10) were there any difficulty for the ryots under the system owihg to want of water by not diverting water till now (12th Mithunam 1103);

(11) who is in charge of the distribution of water in the system?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—

(1) 19th Makaram 1103.

(2) 19th Edavam 1103.

(3) 25th Edavam 1103.

(4) Since water was wanted for eries, etc., for *Varthuvitha* purposes till the end of Meenam, there was delay in closing the system as per rules for work which necessitated the delay in completion.

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